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| International Application No.   | International Filing Date | Priority Date Claimed  |
| CONNECTING SYSTEM FOR CONNECTING A STENT TO A RADIOPAQUE MARKER AND A<br>PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF A CONNECTION BETWEEN A STENT AND TWO OR<br>MORE RADIOPAQUE MARKERS |                           |                        |

Title of Invention

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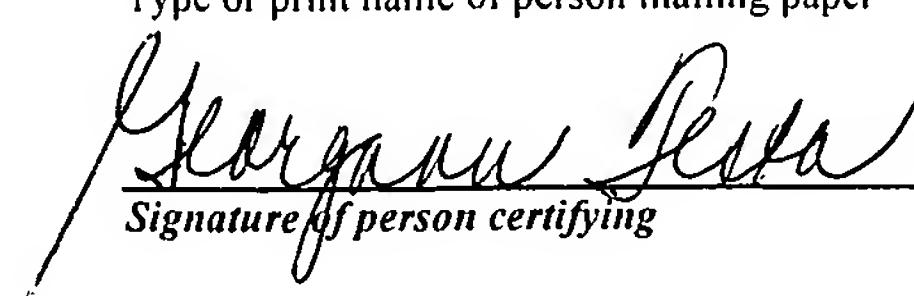
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1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

The U.S. National Fee (U.S.C. § 371(c)(1))

2. Fees

|   |  |                         |   |                 |                                     |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>NATIONAL STAGE FEES ***</b>  | Basic filing fee* *  |                         |   | \$300.00        | \$900.00                            |  |  |  |  |
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|   | TOTAL CLAIMS   | 20 - 20 =               | 0   | x \$50.00 =     | \$0.00                              |  |  |  |  |
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|   | <b>MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360.00</b>  |                         |   |                 | <b>0.00</b>                         |  |  |  |  |
| <b>ADDITIONAL PAGES</b>   | Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof" |                         |   |                 |                                     |  |  |  |  |
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3. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith.
4. An oath or declaration, including power of attorney, of the inventors (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration is unexecuted.

**Other document(s) or information included:**

5. Form PCT/IB/308.
6. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, including cited references is transmitted herewith.
7. A Preliminary Amendment, upon which all fees for claims should be calculated, is transmitted herewith.
8. An international Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) is transmitted herewith.
9. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101).
10. Copy of International Publication No. WO 2004/105642 (Front page only).
11. Application Data Sheet

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